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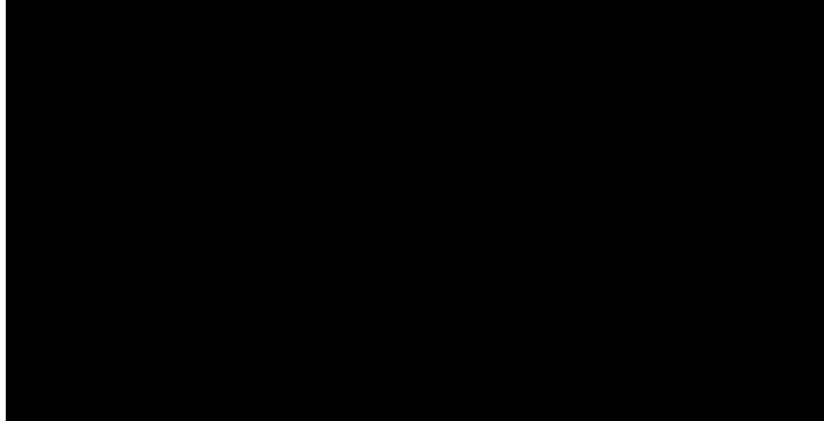
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The following are some comments on subject chronology.

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- o No reference was made to the early period in BR history when we handled political and other non-scientific personalities in support of internal Agency offices. When I first came to BR in 1951 this was the case, i.e., we had both scientific and political/cultural files on foreign personalities. Later we abandoned the work on the non-scientific personalities and, if I remember correctly, this was when we began paying State to do the work. It was at this time that we transferred our non-scientific files to the State Department. [REDACTED] may be able to shed more light on this.

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- o While reference is made to OCD funding the MIRA and later EEAI accessions lists at the Library of Congress, no reference is made to a related project of some significance. In September 1952, the AD/SI requested the establishment within the Agency of a master file of Soviet scientific articles, with the items to

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affiliation. As a result, BR's Bibliographic Project was initiated, and arrangements were made with the Library of Congress to have 5x8 bibliographic reference cards prepared by the Library of Congress as a by-product of the effort devoted to the compilation of the MIRA. In addition, the entire file of carded abstracts maintained at Project White Stork (200,000 items) was reproduced and arranged into the desired file sequences under an external contract. In 1959 a second agreement was signed with the Library of Congress for the preparation of similar cards derived from the EEAI. ✓

- o No reference is made to the IBM study of automating the Central Reference system. This study was conducted concurrently with the SDC investigation and completed at about the same time. ✓
- o Since references were made to numerous studies of more than average complexity and length, mention might be made of one I did, entitled EDP Study: BR Bibliographic Project, dated 30 November 1962, which OCR requested of the ADP Staff with a view to determining the desirability of automating our scientific literature exploitation program at the Library of Congress, and the possibility of coordinating same with similar automated files maintained by the Air Force and others. ✓

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- o Reference might also be made to the fact that Project CHIVE really began in September 1962 when the extensive user survey of DDI offices was initiated. ✓

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